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RUSTON POOLE PLACES INAUGURAL DIRECTOR OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF AUSTRALIA

Ruston Poole International and its Australian partner, Brooker Ruston Poole, are pleased to announce the successful completion of their global search, resulting in the appointment of Professor Gavin Brown, AO, FAA, CorrFRSE, to the post of Inaugural Director of The Royal Institution of Australia (RiAus).

The appointment was announced by Mike Rann, Premier of South Australia, at an event in London attended by Her Majesty the Queen and Sir David Attenborough.

Professor Brown shortly retires as Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Sydney, was previously Vice-Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, and has an illustrious career including the Vice-Presidency of the Australian Academy of Science and Council Membership of the Australian Research Council.

The Chairman of the RiAus, Mr Peter Yates, said that Professor Brown's appointment would help secure the RiAus vision of engaging Australians with some of the big ideas in science: "It is our hope that under the guidance of Professor Brown, the RiAus will stimulate a wide interest in science, bring it into people's homes and inspire discussions around dinner tables across Australia."

David Collingham, Executive Chairman of Ruston Poole International, said: "It was an honour for our Australian partners to be chosen to make such an important executive search, and thrilling to be responsible for an appointment that will help transform understanding and appreciation of science throughout Australia."

The Royal Institution of Australia is due to open in early 2009 and will be housed in the heritage-listed Stock Exchange building in the centre of Adelaide.